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Mr. Mike Roberts
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Aussie support for "dot co-op"

The Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd is the peak body for co-operatives in the Australian State of Victoria.

Our members include bookshop, consultancy, dairy, education, energy, fishing, hardware, health, hotel, housing, purchasing, radio and retail co-ops. Co-ops in Victoria vary in size and impact with two dairy co-ops having a \$1 billion plus business.

As elsewhere, in Australia co-operatives have a challenge to differentiate themselves in public policy debate and the market – to define and articulate the co-operative sector as unique and distinct from the private and public sectors.

Co-ops with web sites should be able to use an Internet suffix that reflects and reinforces the co-operative difference. This would assist us in defining and articulating the co-operative difference.

This is why the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd supports the proposed new Internet suffix .co-op being advocated by the USA National Cooperative Business Association and UK's Poptel.

In co-operation:

David Griffiths
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